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ATTEMPTED MURDER OF MR. PAGE.**YUNNANFU AFFAIR.****FORMER COOK'S MAD DESIRE FOR REVENGE.****SEQUEL TO DISMISSAL.**

Full details are to hand regarding the murderous attack in Yunnanfu on an American citizen, Mr. H. C. Page, branch manager of the Standard Oil Co. of New York, to which Reuter referred briefly about ten days ago.

Yunnanfu, Aug. 30.

At about 6 a.m. on Aug. 29 Mr. H. C. Page, manager of the local office of the Standard Oil Co., was attacked in his bed by his former cook, who had been dismissed.

This man apparently started out with the intention of committing three murders. Having climbed over the garden wall, he proceeded to the houseboy's room and cut his throat whilst he was lying in bed. He then proceeded upstairs by the back way and went to Mr. Page's bed-room. He there lifted up the mosquito net and dealt a severe blow with a butcher's cleaver, just over the ear, which blow was no doubt intended to stun Mr. Page.

Mr. Page's Fight.

Mr. Page leapt out of bed and closed with his assailant and, taking the weapon from him, threw him to the ground.

Then followed a severe struggle during which the assailant produced a knife which he had concealed. With this he made a lunge at Mr. Page's breast, but the blow was parried by Mr. Page raising his arm. The arm was slashed from wrist to elbow. Several minor wounds were inflicted in the struggle which followed but the knife was taken away at last and Mr. Page got his assailant securely on the ground and sat on him until help should arrive.

The struggle awoke Mrs. Page, who was sleeping in another room. She came to the door to ask what was the matter. Mr. Page told her there was a burglar in the house and asked her to call the servants. Mrs. Page had to go downstairs to fetch them as, apparently, they were afraid to go upstairs. At last the assailant was securely bound and taken off to the police station. Mr. Page and the houseboy were taken to the English hospital where they are both lying with severe wounds.

Employed 12 Years.

The assailant is a man named Chang Fu-wen, a native of Chaotung, in the north of the province. He is about 55 years of age and had been in the employ of foreigners for about 30 years and had been with Mr. Page for 12 years.

The motive for the crime was revenge for dismissal. The man told the police that he had intended killing all three which, no doubt, he would have done if his first blow had been successful; and only Mr. Page's bravery averted a terrible tragedy.

It had been the custom in the Page household for one of the servants to open the door leading upstairs so that the coolie could carry up the bath water. This would be about 5.30 a.m. and the servant would then go back to bed. This was, of course, known to the late cook. The door being open, the way was clear for him to begin his murderous task. The reason for the attack on the houseboy was that all orders had to be given through the houseboy because he spoke English. Apparently, the cook judged him in part responsible for his own dismissal.

"Must Have Been Mad."

It is difficult to imagine a more dastardly attempt or a more determined one, for the assailant carried two knives and the butcher's cleaver on him, indicating that he intended to get right through in spite of opposition.

Sympathy goes out to Mrs. Page who is suffering terribly yet bravely watching by her husband. It is hoped that both Mr. Page and the houseboy will recover.

The assailant must have been mad, for Mr. Page had always treated him well, as he himself has often admitted, and it was only his impossible behaviour that made his dismissal imperative. Our own correspondent

COTTON INDUSTRY CRISIS.**C. G. ASSOCN.****REDUCING THEIR CAPITAL SUBSTANTIALLY.****10s. PER SHARE RETURNED.**

London, Yesterday.

The Cotton Growing Association at an extraordinary general meeting at Manchester adopted a resolution reducing their capital from £500,000 to £262,000 by returning ten shillings per share and reducing the nominal value of the shares from a pound to 10s.

The Chairman said the Council considered the capital could thus be distributed without impairing the resources of the Association or endangering its future work.—Reuter.

CAFE PAVILION.**OWNER SUES ON A RETURNED CHEQUE.****DEFENDANT IN MANILA.**

The case in which Mr. B. E. Akst, No. 94, Nathan-road, Kowloon, sued Mr. Jan Videro, proprietor of Cafe Pavilion, also of Nathan-road, for \$88 paid by Mr. Akst on Mr. Videro's behalf for meat supplied to the cafe was struck out by Mr. Justice P. Jacks (Puisne Judge) in the Summary Court this morning.

On the other hand, Mr. Videro obtained judgment for \$1,000 and costs on a counter-claim against Mr. Akst on a "no funds" bank cheque.

Mr. C. E. L. Grist informed his Lordship that his firm had no further instructions from plaintiff (Mr. Akst), who had gone to Manila. A settlement had been attempted but to no purpose.

His Lordship asked if plaintiff had left the Colony in spite of knowing that the date of hearing the case had been fixed some time ago.

Proved Ex Parte.

Mr. Grist replied that he understood plaintiff had gone on business and would be returning later. He, Mr. Grist, had not received instructions to apply for an adjournment. In fact, it was only yesterday that he had discovered plaintiff's absence.

Mr. J. T. d'Almada Remedios, for the defendant, said that he telephoned Mr. Grist's firm, yesterday. Mr. Grist's firm had asked if the case had been settled. What actually occurred, Mr. Remedios added, was that an intermediary had seen the parties but nothing had come of it.

His Lordship therupon ordered plaintiff's suit for \$68 to be struck out and Mr. Grist left the Court.

Mr. Remedios then proved the counter-claim ex parte.

Interpreter's Fee.

In evidence, Mr. Videro said that plaintiff had given him a cheque for \$1,000, drawn on the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation. It had been handed back marked "refer to drawer." Subsequently, he approached plaintiff but did not get payment.

Mr. Remedios referred to an affidavit by an officer of the Equitable Bank, which showed, according to Mr. Remedios, that Mr. Akst never had more than \$95,87 in the bank at any time.

Judgment was given as stated, Mr. Remedios giving an undertaking to pay for the services of an interpreter in Russian who functioned in Court.

"SAM CHING."**ALLEGED INCORRECT PARTICULARS SUPPLIED.**

Chung Wing-kun, a licensee of the Hang Lan Chong wine shop, No. 2 Ko Sing-street, was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, for supplying incorrect particulars in respect of an application for the removal of 135 jars of "Sam Ching" from the ss. "Sui Tai" to the ss. "Nam Sang."

Mr. B. C. K. Hawking, Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, protested, while Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

According to Mr. Lo, defendant had not intended to enter incorrect particulars, as he did not know when the consignment of wines would arrive.

The case was adjourned until

HIGH SCORING IN BIG MATCH.**GENTS.—PLAYERS.****FREEMAN AND MAURICE TATE SHINE WITH BALL.****HOBBS AGAIN.**

London, Yesterday.

At Folkestone the Players beat the Gentlemen by five wickets. Gentlemen 433 (Chapman 91) and 211 (Freeman 6 for 78). Players 389 and 259 for 5 (Woolley 141 not out).

South Beats North.

At Bournemouth, the South beat the North by four wickets. South 358 and 131 for 6. North 116 and 372.

Visitors Lose.

At Scarborough Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI beat the West Indies by 8 wickets. West Indies 333 (Hoof 124) and 113 (Fate 5 for 28). Leveson-Gower's XI 236 (Constantine 7 for 68) and 212 for 2 (Hobbs 119 not out).—Reuter.

SIR EDWARD WARD.**DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN SOLDIER.****FIRST BARONET.**

London, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Sir Edward Ward.—Reuter.

[Col Sir Edward Ward was the first baronet and the late President of the Union Jack Club, London. He was born at Oban in 1858 and had a varied career as an Army officer, serving in the South African and European wars.]

TRAIN COLLISION.**HEAVY CASUALTIES NEAR PRAGUE.****20 KILLED: MANY INJURED.**

Prague, Yesterday.

Twenty were killed, 18 seriously and 60 slightly injured in the collision between an express and a goods train near Prague on Monday.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYED.**BRITAIN'S NUMBERS AGAIN SHOW INCREASE.**

London, Yesterday.

Unemployment in Great Britain continues to increase. On September 3 the total number of jobless was 1,884,700, being 4,678 more than in the week before and 250,000 more than a year ago.—British Wireless Service.

SPANISH PLOT?**MANY ARRESTS AT MADRID.**

Paris, Yesterday.

It is learned from Hendaye that Spanish police have discovered a plot the nature of which is not specified. Many arrests have been made at Madrid and several Spanish provincial towns.—Reuter.

Note: Reuter messages from Madrid do not mention any plot.

RAW SILK.**NEW AMERICAN EXCHANGE OPENED.**

New York, Yesterday.

The new National Raw Silk Exchange has opened. The day's transactions totalled 1,500 bales and it is expected to do an annual business of \$1,000,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

GOVT. GRANT.**FOR THE AUSTRALIAN FLYERS.**

Wellington, Yesterday.

The Government has decided to grant Capt. Kingsford Smith and his companions \$2,000 for their flight from Australia. Reuter.

N. Y. EXCHANGE.**RECORD PRICE PAID FOR MEMBERSHIP SEAT.**

New York, Yesterday.

A Stock Exchange membership has been sold at \$410,000, which is a record price.—Reuter's American Service.

SIR JOHN SIMON AND INDIA.**ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ISSUE REJOINDER.****SLIGHT ALLEGED.**

Simla, Yesterday.

Forty-four members of the Legislative Assembly have issued a rejoinder to the Simon cable expressing surprise that Sir John

EUROPEAN FLATS IN KOWLOON.**MORE BEING BUILT.****NEW BLOCK OF TEN HOUSES IN PRINCE EDWARD RD.****START ON VERY LARGE SITE.**

Simla, Yesterday. Work has commenced on the building of ten European style houses, for use as flats, on land at Prince Edward-road, Kowloon, belonging to the Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient.

Kowloon Land Lot No. 2,135, with an area of 161,800 square feet, was purchased very recently at a sale of Crown land. The price paid by the Credit Foncier to the Government was \$120,200.

Under the building covenant, not less than \$300,000 must be spent in rateable improvements within five years. A beginning has been made with the block of ten houses of flats.

Foundation work has been started by the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., with their Franki piling system.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that Franki piles were used for the foundation of the new block of European houses being built in Nathan-road, Tsim-sha-tsu, for the Wing On Co., Ltd.

CAPT. MCKINNON.**RESEALING OF PROBATE OF HIS WILL.****THE ST. LEGER.**

Changes of jockeys for today's big race together with a picture of the favourite, are given on the Sports Page.

BIG COTTON FIRE.**12,000 BALES LOST IN JAPAN.**

Kobe, Yesterday.

Last night the Toshin warehouse No. 1 was burned down, 12,000 bales of raw cotton being destroyed.—Reuter.

DRIVEN BACK.**YANG SEN FAILS TO REACH HIS GOAL.****UPPER YANGTZE WAR.**

Chungking, Yesterday.

It is reported here that General Yang Sen's troops are falling back eastward, i.e. down the Upper Yangtze River, towards Fowchow, British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Chungking is held by General Liu Hsiang. Fowchow is below Chungking and Wanhsien below Fowchow. From Wanhsien, General Yang Sen advanced westward, i.e. up-river, and took Fowchow. Then his next objective would have been Chungking but it should be noted that the news emanates from a port controlled by Yang Sen's opponent. This local war—with no bearing on national issues—has seriously interfered with both Chinese and foreign shipping on the Upper River.]

BOUNDFOR "HOME" ?**NATIONALIST TROOPS CROSS YANGTZE.****PUKOW TO NANKING.**

Tokyo, Yesterday. Speaking at a Cabinet conference, the Premier stated that the Government had, unofficially, notified Britain that Japan favours the Anglo-French naval agreement in principle, but considers it likely that it will be difficult to put it into operation. He added that as America had not yet expressed its views, Japan would withhold her formal reply and watch developments for the time being.

The Navy Minister in his speech affirmed that Japan would welcome the conclusion of such an agreement as a step towards world disarmament.—Reuter.

FINED \$25,000.

A fine of \$25,000 or 12 months hard was imposed this morning on a camp woman who was charged with having 565 tools of offence in her camp at Kwangtung wharf. At a previous hearing two of the defendants' tools were charged. Mr. F. H. Lester, president of the defences,

regarding naval disarmament. In this matter they had reached a compromise which was of a provisional character, and if, unfortunately, it could not be accepted by others, it would be necessary to seek reconciliation by modification of the Anglo-French compromise.

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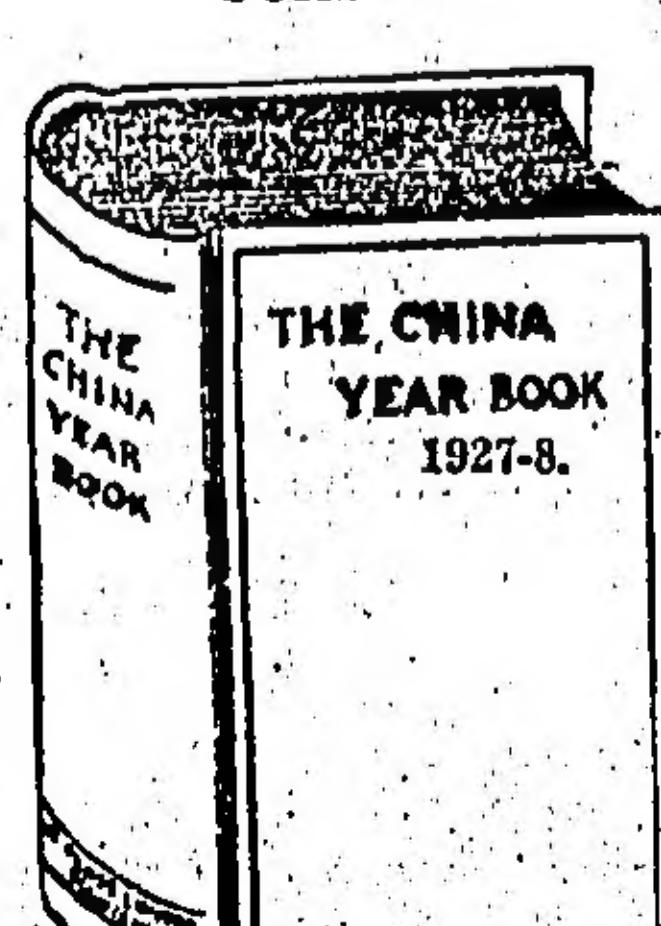
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	In Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1		Mansion Hill Road.	As per sale plan.	20,300	110	\$8

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of September, 1928, at 8 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Morrison Hill Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
2		Mansion Hill Road.	As per sale plan.	4,200	45	\$50

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of September, 1928, at 8 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Taitam Village, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	In Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
3		Tai Tam Village.	As per sale plan.	2,000	25	\$30

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THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CONVENED BY THE BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAS BEEN MEETING THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AT THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE, WIMPOL STREET, LONDON, COMPLETED ITS DELIBERATIONS RECENTLY.

THE CHIEF TOPICS DISCUSSED HAD RELATION TO SURGERY, AND THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN REGARD TO CANCER.

OPENING A DISCUSSION ON "THE EARLY RECOGNITION AND TREATMENT OF CANCER OF THE STOMACH," SIR BERKELEY MOYNIHAN SAID THE DISEASE COULD ONLY BE REMOVED AND RECRUDESCENT PREVENTED BY SURGICAL TREATMENT. THE LIMITS OF SURGICAL REMOVAL HAVING BEEN REACHED, NO FURTHER EXTENSION OF OPERATIVE METHODS WAS POSSIBLE.

THE CONCLUSION, THEREFORE, WAS INEVITABLE THAT IT WAS TO THE EARLIER RECOGNITION OF THE DISEASE THAT ATTENTION MUST NOW BE DIRECTED. IN THAT MATTER THE DIVERSITY OF SYMPTOMS WAS SO STRIKING THAT IT WAS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THEY RELATED TO PERSONS SUFFERING FROM THE SAME DISEASE.

IF THE SYMPTOMS ARE THEN SO MULTIFORM, AND THEREFORE SO MISLEADING, THAT THE SUFFERERS FROM THIS DISEASE DO NOT SEEK OR OBTAIN RELIEF IN THE CURABLE STAGE OF THEIR DISEASE, WHAT IS TO BE DONE?" ASKED SIR BERKELEY.

"IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE TRUTH MUST BE EMPHASISED THAT CANCER HERE AND EVERYWHERE IS AT FIRST A LOCAL DISEASE, AND THAT IF IT IS REMOVABLE, A CURE OF THE CONDITION IS POSSIBLE. NOT A LITTLE OF THE INCREDULITY OF PATIENTS AND THE APATHY OF MEDICAL MEN IS BASED UPON THE WIDESPREAD CONVICTION THAT CANCER OF THE STOMACH IS INCURABLE. IT IS INCURABLE ONLY WHEN THE DISEASE IS SO SITUATED AS TO BE INACCESSIBLE, OR SO WIDESPREAD THAT THOUGH THE PRIMARY GROWTH COULD BE EXCISED, SATellite GROWTHS ARE ALREADY PRESENT. IN THE SECOND PLACE, IT MUST BE REALISED THAT CERTAINTY OF DIAGNOSIS MEANS IMPROBABILITY OF CURE. THERE ARE NO SYMPTOMS PATHOGENOMIC OF CARCINOMA IN ANY OF ITS STAGES: THE SYMPTOMS ARE ONLY SUGGESTIVE, NOT CONCLUSIVE. WHEN THESE SYMPTOMS APPEAR IN PEOPLE OF 35 OR OVER, THE CASE IS NOT ONE FOR TREATMENT BUT FOR INVESTIGATION.

DANGEROUS "RELIEF."

"THE SUCCESS OF MEDICAL TREATMENT IN EARLY CASES OF CANCER OF THE STOMACH IS ONE OF THE CAUSES OF THE VERY HIGH MORTALITY OF THE DISEASE. WHEN CARCINOMA IS PRESENT A RESTRICTION OF DIET, A CHANGE OF SCENE, THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS, WILL BRING A MEASURE OF RELIEF FOR A SHORT TIME. IT IS KNOWN. WE SHOULD SEEK NOT TO SUBDUe SYMPTOMS BUT TO EVOKE THEM. TO TREAT THIS FORM OF DYSPSEPSIS WITHOUT THE FULL INQUIRY IS NOT JUSTIFIABLE. OUR DUTY HERE IS NOT TO CAUSE SUBSIDENCE OF SYMPTOMS, TO DELAve THE PATIENTS AND OURSELVES, BUT TO SET TO WORK AT ONCE WITH EAGER INVESTIGATION. THERE IS SUCH A DESIRE IN THE HEART OF EVERYONE TO WAIT FOR THE CERTAINTY OF DIAGNOSIS. CERTAINTY OF DIAGNOSIS IN CANCER OF THE STOMACH VERY OFTEN MEANS UNCERTAINTY OF CURE."

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LAPLATTA MARU Friday, 26th October.

BOMBAY—via Singapore & Colombo.

INDUS MARU Thursday, 20th September.

SHUNKO MARU Thursday, 4th October.

BORNEO MARU Friday, 19th October.

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CHICAGO MARU Friday, 28th September.

CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

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TAKAO—via SWATOW & AMoy.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

TURKEY'S SHIPPING.

PORT MONOPOLIES AND SERVICES.

UNSATISFACTORY CONDITIONS

There is little of an encouraging nature to record in 1927 as regards shipping questions, according to a report by Colonel H. Woods, O.B.E. (dated May, 1928), to the Department of Overseas Trade, wherein the first port monopoly was instituted, were unsatisfactory, the port monopoly being unable adequately to administer the port efficiently.

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Mr. Daly replied that the Tribunal had the details of the board's application before them.

A member of the committee Mr. O'Duffy reading from the application, said what the board were applying for was "an order to be made to secure sufficient revenue to enable the board to carry on the harbour undertaking without loss."

Mr. Daly stated in reference to the reconstruction of the Victoria Wharf, that it was decided to do the work out of revenue spread over a three years' period.

Referring to the report on the development of Cork Harbour, prepared by an American engineer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Daly stated the recommendations in it ran into millions. In addition to improvement schemes at Cork there was a scheme also for Queenstown. With the present revenue the harbour board were unable to maintain the port efficiently.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" from Hong Kong, arrived at London on Sept. 10 at 6 a.m.

The s.s. "Morea" is expected to arrive at Hong Kong to-morrow at 9 a.m., and will leave for Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama, on or about Sept. 14 at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 4 p.m. with the Mails, and is due here on Sept. 14 at about 6 a.m.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Karachi on August 23 and is expected here to-morrow.

The B.I. s.s. "Talamba" left Singapore for this port on Sept. 10 p.m. and is due here on Sept. 15 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hong Kong on Aug. 29, left Yokohama on Sept. 6 at 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Bemares" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Southampton on August 26, and is due here on or about October 8.

SHIPPING DUES.

CORK HARBOUR BOARD'S REVISION.

THE PROPOSALS.

The chairman of Cork Harbour Board, Mr. Frank Daly, detailed before the Rates Advisory Committee the reasons why powers were being sought to revise the dues on shipping. The chief reason was with a view to improvements. The board had hesitated to embark on many works which were desirable, but which could not be carried out owing to revenue not being sufficient.

If powers were granted to remove the 12 per cent clause, and to adjust certain dues on goods, and to increase tonnage dues, the board would be able to administer the port efficiently.

In reply to Mr. Fitzgibbon, K.C., who appeared for Trans-Atlantic and local shipping companies, Mr. Daly stated that the estimated cost of plant renewal would be about £70,000.

The board were not only asking for powers to make temporary increases in revenue because the whole of the plant required renewal, but because of other matters. Every member of the board knew of the actual condition of the plant, and that the dredging plant required to be renewed. Mr. Fitzgibbon asked Mr. Daly to point out in his statement in the board's application that renewals of the whole plant was

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LAHORE	5,252	28th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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CARGO DISCHARGE.

JUDGE AND SHIPOWNERS ACTION.

TOO SOON?

That the steamer discharged her cargo too soon, and put it in the warehouse of the Bristol Port Authority when the consignees would rather have taken it into lighters, was the complaint of Messrs. Turner, Volt and Co., Ltd., Bristol, in bringing an action in the Commercial Court against the Lord Mayor and burgesses of the City of Bristol, who received the cargo, and the shipowners, the Norwegian Dabjorg Co., of Oslo, who delivered it to them.

The Bristol Corporation early dropped out of the action, and the plaintiffs sought damages from the shipowners for breach of contract contained in the bill of lading by premature discharge without prior notification to the consignees.

The lay days, it was said, for discharge did not commence till Nov. 16 and did not expire till Nov. 22, and the shipowners began the discharge on Nov. 15 and ended it in about three days, on Nov. 18. The steamer was the "Dabjorg" from Casablanca to Avonmouth, with 1,476 tons of barley, the bill of lading taking over the condition of a charter-party of Oct. 25 between plaintiffs, as owners, and the Compagnie Algerienne de Meunerie as charterers, and these clauses occurred in it: "The cargo to be discharged as fast as it can according to the custom of the port Demurrage, if any, to be at the rate of £20 a day and in proportion per hour. In no case shall the days begin to count before the day following that on which the vessel is in berth ready to load and deliver and notice thereof given in writing."

WHAT HAPPENED.
Nov. 14, a Monday, was the day on which the "Dabjorg" arrived, and she reported next day. The action was heard by Mr. Justice Roche, and counsel in the case were Mr. J. Dickinson for the plaintiffs (instructed by Messrs. Thos. Cooper and Co.), and Mr. J. G. Trapnell for the shipowners (instructed by Messrs. Edward Gerish and Co., Bristol; London agents, Messrs. Holman, Fenwick and Williams).

What happened, Mr. Dickinson explained, was that the cargo was discharged into the Port Authority's warehouses, with instructions to retain the barley to the orders of the shipowners, and when the plaintiffs, on Nov. 23, presented the bill of lading to the Port Authority, the Authority declined to give them the cargo. Some days later an order of the court was obtained from Mr. Justice Mackinnon for the release of the cargo to the applicants, on payment of charges and costs and the payment into court of £669, as freight payable, and then the cargo was given up. The shipowners denied both that the discharge was made without notice and that it was begun in breach of contract. They also denied that they were under a duty to wait for the discharge.

BLANK GUARANTEE.
A representative of the ship's agents at Avonmouth, Messrs. James and Hodder, gave them the information that discharge had been begun, and the proposal was made to the plaintiffs that they should give a blank guarantee to enable delivery to be made direct to them, as the bills of lading had not arrived. That they would not do, as at the moment they did not know where the bills of lading were. The bills of lading actually arrived on the day the plaintiffs presented them to the Port Authority, and were refused delivery on Nov. 23. The plaintiffs had arranged to take discharge from the ship into lighters, and the monetary damage they had suffered was the excess cost of discharge into warehouse and then into lighters instead of discharge to rail or lighters direct. They said the vessel was discharged too soon. Her owners, he submitted, had no right to discharge unless under the Merchant Shipping Act, and that Act said they must wait 72 hours.

Mr. Justice Roche, giving judgment, said the answer of the defendants was that if the receivers had been ready with their documents the discharge would have been completed on Nov. 18. There appeared to have been breach of the charter-party terms in the delivery of the goods to the custody of the Port Authority. Eventually the bills of lading came to hand and plaintiffs got possession of the cargo from the warehouse, but the plaintiffs said the shipowners should have waited a proper time before beginning to discharge, as a great part of the cargo would have gone in draft and not into warehouse, and so £669 could have been saved. By the breach of contract had clearly been made out, it was an implied term of all such contracts that the shipowners must wait for the consignees to appear or give orders before they took the cargo.

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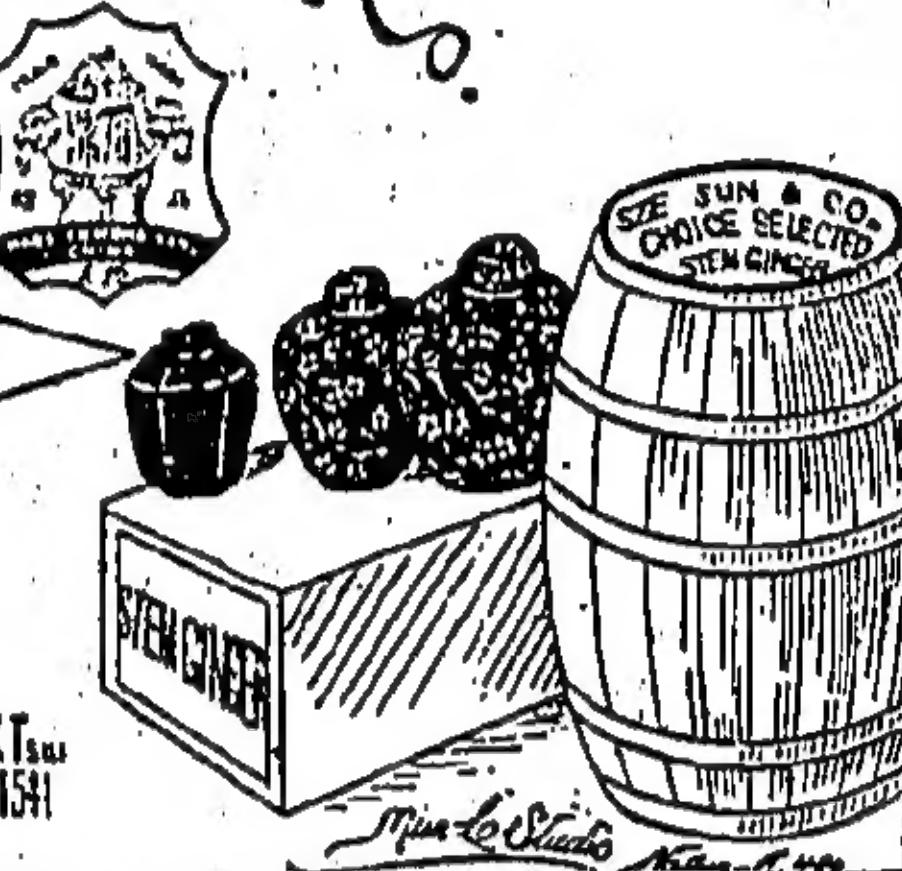
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M. BRIAND'S "BOMB."

It was, of course, generally believed that the discussion on the evacuation of the Rhineland between M. Briand and Herr Mueller would be of a somewhat inflammatory character and that very considerable delicacy of treatment would be necessary on both sides if the subject were to be treated in such a way that it would not lead to further complications. The Germans evidently believed that with the signing of the Kellogg Pact appears to have simplified it very much. Certainly M. Briand's "long and eloquent speech" leaves no doubt as to the French view being today what it has all along been. That the French, contrary to very different views held by many people, there is no more keenly logical people in Europe and, such being the case, it will not astonish those who really understand the French mind that M. Briand should have said precisely what he thought regarding Germany. By so doing can it be said by Germans or by anyone else that he acted otherwise than in a straightforward manner? And the national characteristics of the two peoples being what they are, can it be wondered that there is a lack of harmony?

Public Car Nuisances.

Many of our readers will doubtless commend the public spirit of the gentleman who has taken out a summons against the driver of a public motor car on a charge of loitering. It appears from the police court report that the defendant's car was standing stationary at the head of half-a-dozen others one tiffin time in Chater-road, with the consequence that plaintiff's rickshaw was unable to proceed along the thoroughfare. It requires, we surmise, but a few cases of this kind for a much-needed tightening up of police supervision over the public cars of the Colony. The police machinery, so excellent in regard to most traffic problems, appears to suffer a sort of breakdown when public cars have

to be dealt with. Every day of the week, in the centre of the town, one may observe public vehicles being driven recklessly and dangerously; loitering and soliciting for fares are regular occurrences. In all, the public car drivers are an unruly crowd, insolent, experts in cunshaw-haw extraction tactics and, on occasions, as the police records show, abettors to crime. Too much attention on the part of the police cannot, we submit, be devoted to them.

A child, four months old, was discovered by the police in Mallory-street yesterday. The child died after having been taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

H.M.S. "Foxglove" Concert Party is to give an entertainment in the Chear O' Y.M.C.A., City Hall. The date and time have been fixed provisionally for 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

A Chinese cook was this morning fined \$15, by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, for stealing seven tins of beef from the Wellington Barracks yesterday. Mr. W. D. Owen, who appeared for the defence, pleaded guilty.

The Wai Sun lady hairdressers' training department is to award certificates to a number of ladies who have just completed a course of training. The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. in the City Hall on Thursday. Tea and refreshments will be served. Members of all communities are invited to be present.



Capt. J. S. Thomson, of the Douglas Steamship Company, left for Home this morning on the "Empress of Asia," and was accorded a hearty send-off by friends and shipping Colleagues.

Mr. P. W. Massey, managing director of Messrs. Relas, Massey & Co., Ltd., has been appointed to the Court of Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Capt. Durringer, of the Indo-China S. N. Company, Swatow office, left on Home leave to-day by the "Empress of Asia," as did Mr. Thomas Hindle, of the Takkoo Sugar Refinery, whose home is in Vancouver.

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Having observed a banishment sentence for 3 years, a Chinese who was deported from the Colony for 10 years, was sentenced to 12 months hard labour, by Mr. W. Schofield at Kowloon Magistracy, this morning on a charge of assaulting a Chinese woman in Temple-street, Yaumati. In giving the facts of the case, Sub-Inspector Marks said that the defendant struck complainant with his crutch as a result of a disagreement. They had quarrelled because complainant refused to become defendant's wife.

With her head heavily bandaged complainant said that her "real" husband was in the country. She had run away from him and come to Yaumati.

Police records show that a few weeks ago defendant appeared in Court on a charge of assault, when he was bound over in a bond of \$50 to keep the peace for 6 months. The Magistrate fined the defendant \$50 or 6 weeks', and, in addition, sentenced him to 2 months' hard labour on the present charge.

A thief, who gained entrance to No. 7 Arbutnott-road (which is near the Central Police Headquarters), yesterday morning, made off with a pair of gold cuff-links, two pairs of silk trousers, an ivory fan and some money, the property of Mr. P. K. Kwok.

An airgun, in a very rusty condition, was produced at Kowloon Court this morning. The police made an application for its confiscation. The gun was found unclaimed in the basement of No. 7, Knutsford-terrace, Kowloon. The magistrate, Mr. W. Schofield, made the necessary order.

Messrs. Ellis & Edgar, share and general brokers, have issued the August issue of their booklet dealing with "Figures and Quotations of Local and Other Stocks." All interested in the Hong Kong share market will find the booklet of considerable interest. It is sold at \$1 per copy.

For stealing a pair of slippers, which had been left under a seat at the Kwong Chi Theatre, a small boy was ordered to receive seven strokes of the cane by Mr. Schofield, at Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday. The Magistrate suggested that the boy should be sent to the Boys' Club, but it was said that those convicted of larceny were ineligible.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Lieutenant the Hon. the Master of Napier, 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers, Murray Barracks, to Miss V. M. Newson, Kingsclear, Camberley, England, consent for the wedding having been given by Sir Percy Newson. The bride is coming to Hong Kong by the "Empress of Canada."

For supplying false particulars in returns made to the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs, in respect of an emigrant who stayed at their establishment, two employees of the Nam Yuen boarding-house were charged before Major C. Wilson yesterday.

The Magistrate, remarking that the evidence against the licensee was not sufficient to warrant a conviction, discharged him. The other defendant was fined \$50.

Closing its season at the World Theatre to-day, "The Light of Asia," is an extremely interesting screen story of the life of Gautama Buddha. The picture depicts in graphic form the trials and temptations of the great teacher who sacrificed the luxury of a splendid court to serve mankind. Interesting colour and thrilling scenes of Indian life and customs go to make this picture which is played by an all Indian cast one of the most unusual productions seen in Hong Kong.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A certain popular footballer had, as all players have occasionally, an off day. He could do nothing right. The crowd demonstrated their displeasure, his fellow-players looked at him askance, and he bore these reproofs stoically. The crushing blow came, however, when, the game over, he was leaving the ground. A grubby urchin who had been hanging round the players' entrance seized up to him and thrust a piece of paper into his hand. "Eric master," he said, sadly, "there's yer plinkin' autograph back."

A youth, whose father is well known as a retired bus driver, was the other day displaying a large seal he usually wears representing St. George and the Dragon, and, while several of the bystanders were expressing their admiration of it, its owner remarked in solemn tones: "Aw, on my ancestors is—supposed to have killed the dragon, donchernow."

"Dear me," inquired one of the hearers, who knew something about him. "Did he run over it?"

Jones (out for the first time in his new car): "Don't talk for a few moments, my dear. Here is a telegraph pole coming."

Pat: "I tell ye, old friends are best, and what's more I can prove it."

Mike: "How are ye goin' to prove it?"

Pat: "Where will ye find a new friend that has stood by ye as long as the old ones have?"

"What makes you look so tired?" an under-sized Cockney was asked the other day.

"Well, it's like this," he replied. "My wife is walking to get her weight down, and the only time that she can do it without attracting attention is in the evening. She insists that I go with her, even if I am tired. The last two weeks I have lost eight pounds, and she has gained two ounces."

Ted: "Where did you get that black eye, Bill?"

Bill: "It was done by a fellow at whose wedding I was best man."

"Why, what for?" inquired Ted.

"Because I kissed the bride," replied his friend.

"But I thought it was the custom for the best man to kiss the bride," said Ted.

"Yes," replied Bill, "but it was two years after the ceremony."

"This dining-room table goes back to Louis the Fourteenth."

"That's nothing. My whole sitting-room suite goes back to Brown and Jackson's on the fifteenth."

"Friend: "What do you think of that boy I recommended? Is there any hope for him as a journalist?"

Newspaper Editor: "I'm afraid not. Only this morning he wrote: 'The church was crowded, instead of the sacred edifice was thronged.'"

An Englishman living in Bagdad grew into the habit of giving a farthing day to a beggar. The Englishman was absent for a month, whereupon the biggar sued him for "arrears," and won his case; the local eadi remarking, "You entitled this poor, honest man to expect a daily dole."

Two golfers discovered an old lady calmly seated on the grass in the middle of the fairway. "Don't you know it's dangerous for you to sit there, madam?" asked one of them. "It's all right, sir, thank you," beamed the old lady. "I'm sitting on a newspaper."

Sweeping back his long, black hair with an impressive gesture, the actor faced the director of the film studio. "I have come, sir," he said, in a deep bass voice, "because I desire a position in your company."

"Have you had any experience of acting without an audience?" asked the film director.

A flicker of sadness appeared for a moment in the expressive eyes of the actor. "Acting without audiences," he replied, "is what brought me here!"

In an old-town bakehouse the venerable "backstone" had ceased to serve its purpose, and a substitute in the form of a headstone was obtained from a nearby graveyard. A little girl sent by her mother to get a fresh scone insisted on its being now, so the baker gave her one of the first batch off the new backstone.

"A short while after the girl returned. "You said the scone was fresh!"

"Certainly, it has just been baked."

"But mother says you have made a mistake, and that you have to look on the back."

"He did, and saw imprinted, 'Age 75 years.'

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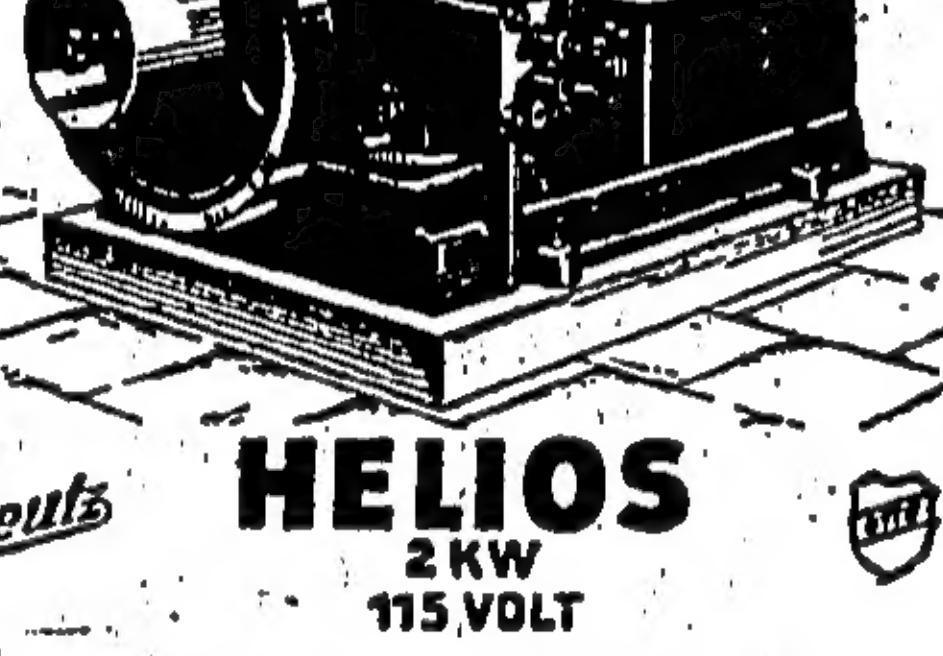
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SEAPLANE CLUB.

A LOCAL MEETING
TO-MORROW.

LEARNING TO FLY.

On Thursday, the 13th inst. at 5.30 p.m. in Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room there will be a meeting for those who are interested in the formation of a Light Seaplane Club for Hong Kong. Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler who is responsible for the organization of the Meeting will explain the Light Aeroplane and Seaplane Club Movement throughout the British Empire. Also, how Hong Kong might join in the movement. It is hoped that those who are interested in the movement will attend, and that it will be possible to form a small Committee who would work up local interest so that a Club can be formed in Hong Kong.

The Light Aeroplane or Seaplane Club movement throughout the Empire is more important than would at first appear. Civil Aviation is more important to the British Nation than to any other, owing to the scattered nature of the Empire, and it is essential to the success of our future trade as well as to the safety of the Empire that the Nation as a whole become air-minded. The more people that take up aviation the more air-minded will the nation become. It is not enough that Flying Clubs should be established in England alone, each section of the Empire must have its own Club or Clubs and support the movement.

Only by increased flying and more interest being taken in aviation generally can the aircraft Industry of Great Britain prosper and so produce better and more efficient machines than is done in other countries. If we are going to gain the supremacy of the air as a nation we must support aviation.

Singapore has shown the way in the Far East, the Straits Government having wholeheartedly supported the movement, apparently with the view of "building up a volunteer aid squadron. When a Club is formed on these lines, the Members are assisting in the defence of the Empire, whilst at the same time they learn to fly for practically nothing, and have the pleasure of the sporting side.

There are nearly 3,000 Members of the Flying Clubs in England, during the two or three years that they have been running there have been only one or two serious accidents. The Singapore Club has over 100 Members, which is very creditable.

Initial Outlay.

The initial outlay for the Hong Kong Club would be approximately \$60,000.00 this would include two Moth Seaplanes and spares, also a Hangar. The operational costs per annum would be slightly less than \$60,000.00. Details of these figures will be given and explained at the Meeting.

Learning to fly is no longer the difficult or dangerous task of a few years ago.

The present day training system enables a pupil to go solo after about 8 hours dual instruction, and he is fully qualified to carry out any aerial manoeuvres or stunts on his first solo.

It has frequently been said that Hong Kong is apt to be behind with any new thing, but there is no reason why she should be behind in Aviation.

It is not right to expect the Government to put forward the scheme and money for the development of a Seaplane Club, but it is reasonable to expect and hope that, if sufficient interest is shown the Government will support the movement in the same way that other Colonial Governments have supported the Flying Clubs.—Contributed.

GIRL'S DEATH.

RESUMED INQUIRY AT KOW-LOON MAGISTRACY.

The inquiry into the death of a Chinese girl who jumped from the roof of No. 17 Waterloo-road, on July 27, was resumed at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield, sitting as coroner, and a jury.

Sanitary Inspector Lamprell stated that the deceased seemed depressed and several times she told him that she did not want to live. The mother of deceased interrogated witness at great length.

Sergeant Mattam deposed that he saw the body of deceased lying on the road. On measuring the height of the fall, witness found it to be about 46 feet.

Choir boys of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Southwark, are to be awarded blue ribbon "collarettes" and bronze medals for long service, good conduct, and punctuality.

Mr. J. H. Keston has completed thirty years as lay reader at St. Paul's, Upper Norwood, S.E.

CHEUNGCHAU NOTES

VISITORS TO THE ISLAND LEAVING.

ADDRESS BY MR. GIBBON.

Cheung Chau, To-day. A further exodus has taken place among the visitors at Cheung Chau. The Rev. Mr. Cosins, the Rev. Mr. Rex Ray and family, the Rev. Mr. J. Mitchell and family have gone back to their work up the West River. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kempf will follow to-day. The Rev. Mr. C. J. Lowe will start for the West River, for his distant station at Kwelwei, with Mrs. Lowe and the two younger children. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly return to Canton after leaving their boys in a Hong Kong school. Others will also be leaving shortly. Some of those who went to Baguio are about to return.

The camp at Lantau has been closed. All speak highly of the benefit derived from their stay there.

A new cottage is likely to be built adjacent to No. 13. Plans are being made for improvement to some of the other houses.

On Sunday there was no regular sermon preached, but Mr. Gibbon, the Army Scripture Reader in charge of the Soldiers' Furlough Home here, gave an account of the founding and purpose of his Society which was listened to with great interest. At the close, the Rev. Mr. C. J. Lowe spoke of the help the British soldiers had been to the missionary community in Shanghai and Canton and made an appeal for practical help for the above society. Between forty and fifty dollars was subscribed.—Our own correspondent.

SONG AND POLITICS.

AUSTRO-GERMAN UNION DEMANDED.

Eighty thousand Croats took up the song "Deutschland ueber Alles" as the finale to the greatest gathering ever assembled under one roof, when Austria officially welcomed members of the German Singing Societies from all parts of the world, who had come to attend the tenth international festival, says a Vienna telegram to the "Chicago Tribune."

With the exception of the speech of welcome delivered by the Chancellor, Monsignor Selig, who described Vienna's love of music as typifying the spirit of Beethoven, and adding that the unity of German souls was an accomplished fact," the opening speeches took on the complexion of a campaign for the union of Germany and Austria.

The greatest enthusiasm filled the hall, which was temporarily erected for the big gathering, when the great cry of "Hail!" which was sent up by the entire assembly, nearly carried the roof off. Burgomaster Seitz, after welcoming the singers, discussed self-determination and unity, declaring, "We wish to be a united people with one State. Here in Vienna we tell ourselves to be strong in will, and if we do that unity of all the Germans will be come fact."

The German Ambassador, Herr Lerchenfeld, declared: "Austria's enemies are attempting to maintain Austria as a separate State. Naturally and historically, however, she is a part of Germany, though strongly individual."

Dr. Neubacher, General Director of the Austrian-German Volksgesund, addressed a special appeal to 6,000 Americans who were present, begging them to use their influence towards obtaining the United States support of the "Anschluss" (union). Thirty-five thousand people managed to crowd on to the huge stage, while 45,000 were in the audience, with the result that pandemonium broke out after each speech.

Not only was the "Anschluss" the keynote of the speeches of the politicians, but even the chairman, Schulrat Jaksch, of the Ostmaerkischer Saenterburg, declared that the festival was to "celebrate Schubert, as well as to give the world an echo of belief in the will of the suppressed Austrian people." He said: "Until we realise the ambition of union in a large Reich, we are not resting."

At this point 80,000 voices spontaneously broke into "Deutschland ueber Alles."

Vienna is the scene of unprecedented gaiety during the festival, singers crowding the cafes, cinemas, etc., good-naturedly shouting "Gruet Gott!" and touring the city in a fleet of special trams and motor coaches.

It is reported that a large delegation from San Francisco has brought an invitation from the Mayor of that city, requesting that the 1930 festival be held there.

Two airmen who were taking part in the Finnish Army manoeuvres were killed when their seaplane crashed in a field.

"MUCH LAUGHTER."

TO LAUGH OR NOT TO LAUGH.

LAW COURT ETIQUETTE.

Moved by an incident in his court, High Court judge recently made an exposition of law court etiquette which not only seems very curious, but must cause some annoyance to people of cheerful disposition who occasionally wander into such arenas. A witness answered a question in a manner which, according to the reports, caused "much laughter." Thereupon the judge administered a partial rebuke, intimating that the jurors were entitled to laugh, so were the members of the Bar, likewise the parties to the action then being tried, and he could laugh himself if he wanted to, but if spectators indulged in the same natural instinct they were liable to be summarily ejected from the precincts.

It was not explained whether a smile would be out of place, or a chuckle permissible, or whether in the case of a lady she might venture to titter; the only thing made perfectly plain was that a good, honest, resounding laugh was highly inimical to the well-being of the spectator. In saying this the judge was not indulging in a little pleasantries on his own account. He was quite serious, and, in fact, was only saying with some elaboration what other judges have said again and again.

Judge-Made Ruling.

It is, however, this little additional explanation by Mr. Justice Swift that gives spice to the topic, for it reveals a situation which some may think inequitable, and others may pronounce impractical. Every judge is the master of his court, with unquestioned power to order and control. Outside that power there is no rule or statute which says that the right to laugh when provoked from either Bench, Bar, or witness-box is vested in any particular section of his Majesty's subjects, and that others are condemned to silence. The ruling is, therefore, to be approached as purely judge-made, and in that aspect it may pertinently be asked whether it is in accord with the principles of equity and fairness. Surely a natural instinct cannot in this way be tinkered with, and regulated, as between particular classes of individuals.

Again, it is being quite properly asked, what is the position under this ruling of the juror-in-waiting and the suitor compelled to be in court for the trial of his action when it is called? Actually for the time being both are in the category of spectators, but they are not merely spectators, and are treated differently from spectators in respect of accommodation. Are they entitled to preferential treatment, and to join their brother jurors and suitors in vocal ebullitions, or must they suppress their mirthful desires?

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AMMUNITION & SHELL.

A report has been made to the police by Mr. H. Rodgers, secretary to the Commodore, to the effect that three rounds of four inches of H.A. ammunition, plugged H.E. shell, were lost overboard from H.M.S. "Hawkins," on the morning of September 3, in a position 70 yards south-east of No. 5 mooring buoy. Diving operations were carried out by the Navy for its recovery but without success. The Harbour Office and crusing launches have been notified.

JUNGLE EPIC.

"CHANG" COMING TO QUEEN'S ON MONDAY.

NEW COLOUR FILMS.

As announced elsewhere in this issue, the management of Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., commence their "autumn super-season" with the presentation of the marvellous jungle picture, "Chang," and the first of a new series of remarkable technicolour films based on historical incidents.

Photographed in the wildest part of the Siamese jungle by two men who now take their places alongside the world's foremost producers Ernest Schoedsack and Merian Cooper, "Chang" shows its audiences wild hordes of thundering elephants, roaring lions, and leaping tigers, not simply as disjointed incidents but in the course of connected story of a Siamese family in the jungle. Again and again did the enterprising photographers carry their lives in their hands in order to bring back to civilisation an authentic and extremely realistic account of the jungle. "Chang" stands alone both for its thrilling narrative and as a scene of amazing power. It has accomplished something entirely new in moviedom, presenting delightful touches of comedy in an epic of real life crowded with exciting moments and filled with real-romance. "Chang" is the picture which was enthusiastically received in London where the press generally acclaimed it to be a tremendous production which should be seen by everyone.

The technicolour film is "The Virgin Queen" which will also be shown from Monday to Saturday. This short subject, based on an incident in the life of Queen Elizabeth and Sir Walter Raleigh, has been photographed by the new technicolour process and presents an exciting story and beautiful colour scenes of court life in the spacious days of Merry England.

"NEW YORK."

SPECTACULAR DRAMA OF THE GREAT CITY.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

A spectacular drama of New York with plenty of interest and a thrilling climax are provided in the picture, being shown at the Queen's Theatre, today under the title of "New York."

Showing life on both sides of the huge capital—the East and West—the story is not without excitement. It tells of a young man determined to raise himself to the social standing of the West side. His adventures and how he succeeds are well portrayed. The climax of the story is provided in the form of a thrilling murder trial, when the evidence is against the hero. Excitement is kept at fever-pitch until the last scene when—

Ricardo Cortez is entrusted with the role of hero, which he fills with great ability. He has in support Lois Wilson, whose acting leaves nothing to be desired. Estelle Taylor, William Powell, Norman Trevor are included among others in a strong cast, which is admirably directed by Luther Reed.

Many interesting scenes, including those of Times Square, Woolwich Building, the Bowery and many other famous sights are in the picture. This in itself should well be worth a visit to the Queen's, but there is, besides a special music feature, showing the life of George Bizet, the composer of "Carmen," suitably accompanied by the Queen's Orchestra.

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THE WINTER SEASON.

The Sub-Committees are convening meetings with a view to organising debutes, socials and dances for the Winter, and it is hoped that the members will again render such assistance as will make this season a record one.

Garden Fete.

The fete will be held on November 3. As the greater part of the proceeds will be devoted to the new Church, we expect every member to do his best to make the fete a great success, and thereby reciprocate in a suitable manner the kind

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "New York."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Light of Asia."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Allas The Deacon."

September 16—Queen's Theatre; "The Volga Boatman."

September 16-18—World Theatre; "Two Arabian Knights."

September 16-17—Star Theatre; "The Midshipman."

September 17-22—Queen's Theatre; "Chang."

September 19-32—World Theatre; "The Birth of a Nation."

September 18-19—World Theatre; "Are Parents People?"

September 20—Theatre Royal; Miss Cecilia Hansen's farewell violin concert.

September 20-22—World Theatre; "The Third Degree."

September 21—Promenade Concert at Volunteer parade ground, 9.15 p.m.

Lund Sales.

September 21—At P.W.D. Offices, Crown lands at the junction of Broadwood and New-rd., Morrison Hill-rd. and Taitam Village, 3 p.m.

To-day—H.K.V.D.C. (Scottish Co.) meeting at Headquarters, 6 p.m.

September 18—Seaplane Club meeting for local enthusiasts, in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's board room, 5.30 p.m.

October 13—H.K.V.D.C. annual athletic meeting on Kowloon Cricket Club ground, 2.30 p.m.

September 13—H.K.V.D.C. Sergeants' Mess Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters, 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1928.

THE CHINA MAIL.



THE ST. LEGER.

A FEW JOCKEY CHANGES.

TO-DAY'S RACE.

In the following list of probabilities for the St. Leger, which was run this afternoon, the list of jockeys has been amended according to latest advices from London.



Lord Derby's Fairway, favourite for to-day's race.

Bourbon	H. Wragg
Buland	Beary
Cherry King	Carslake
Constant Son	Graves
Cyclonic	R. Jones
Falway	Weston
Flamingo	Elliott
Gang Warly	Steve Donoghue
Lodore	F. Fox
Luvaneran	H. Beasley
Marconogram	Gordon Richards
Palis Royal II.	Allmand
Parwiz	P. Beasley
Plantago	J. Childs
Tourist	Dines

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POWHATTAN DRAW.

The local office of the B.A.T. Co. have just received telegraphic advice from the Powhatan Club, Shanghai, that at the drawing of the St. Leger Sweep, two ponies were drawn by tickets sold in Hong Kong:

Ticket No. 8243 Tourist
Ticket No. 1314 LuvaneranGOLD CADDIES WHO HELP—
AND SOME OTHERS.

Only a few days ago I heard a triumphant golfer declare, on entering the club house that his caddie had won his match for him. To this his beaten opponent replied: "And my caddie lost the match for me." Both spoke within the bounds of probability. The incident set going a train of thought and offered a theme.

A good caddie may not be beyond rubies, but he is beyond praise. Like good wine, he improves with age, gathering wisdom and discretion from experience. Two old caddies and two old golfers emerged at my side from a fog on the Old Course at St. Andrews, and groped their way to a tee. When the players had driven into the opaque day, using the clubs put in their hands by the caddies, one turned and said, "It is always best to do as we are told, especially in fog."

I afterwards learned that their combined ages were two years less than 300. I have heard Miss Cecil Leitch ascribe one of her shelf of championships to a caddie who never previously carried for her.

THAT WHISPER.

It may seem an old thing, but it is true, that so small a matter as being repeatedly handed the wrong club has been known to ruffle a golfer, and even give rise

Caddies use the plural "we" when matches are won, but not usually when matches are lost. I heard a caddie at Hunstanton addressing his mates say: "I never did a hole in one in my life." He was thinking of the increased tip that comes with such freakish achievements.

This "oneness" entitles caddies to do almost every helpful thing but make the shots for their employers, so complete is their partnership. But I know of a small boy who somehow got the wrong idea in his head. The professional for whom he carried murmured to himself in front of a large tree, "Shall I play over it, or round it, or under it?" Whereupon a thin

voice piped at his side, "Excuse me, sir, but I'm not supposed to give you any advice during a competition."—Clyde Foster in "Evening Standard."

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SPORTS GALA.

MORE RESULTS FROM AMERICA.

SURPRISE ENGLISH WIN.

to alterations. At St. George's this summer, during the Open Championship, a golfer of world-wide fame stepped over to me and said, "That is the only caddie who ever argues with me. He made me take that club, and look at the result." As the player passed on, the caddie lagged behind and whispered, "Bad shot." I thought so too.

A raw caddie who knew not the names or functions of clubs was told by the player that their names were marked on them, but he was

so too.

The Canadian's great fight in the fourth set left him fatigued, Austin capturing the deciding points easily.

Brugnon beat Gilpin 6-4, 16, 7-5,

6-4. Boussus beat Hyde 7-5, 6-1, 4-6,

6-2. Cochet beat Coen 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.

Borotra beat Arnold Jones 6-2,

6-3, 6-4.

Doe beat Onda (Japan) 6-4, 6-4,

6-6, 6-4.

West Newton, Yesterday.

Voght leads the golf tournament with 148.

Bobby Jones' total was 151.

Only three of Britain's eight en-

trants qualified, namely Perkins

165, Beck 165 and Storey 166.

Ouimet returned 164 and

Sweetzer 155.—Reuter's American

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On demand —

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On demand 48%

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On demand 1831/2

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Wire 1331/4

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On Singapore—
On demand 881/2

On Manila—
On demand 971/2

On Shanghai—
On demand 76%

30 day's sight (private paper) —

On Yokohama—
On demand 106

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Shanghai Docks T108

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Shai Cottons (Old) \$654

..... ss 65 ss

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do. (old) \$12.40

do. (new) \$124

..... ss 12 b

do. 1928 issue \$12

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..... ss 223/4

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Watsons 50 cts.

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Mackintoshes \$84

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Under Love Ban.



Ogden Goelet, young Harvard graduate, who it is whispered along Park Avenue, was the subject of a recent tête-a-tête between his father and Miss Louise Goody, musical comedy star. Goelet, poor, is alleged to have declared his intention to cut off his nose without a dollar in the event he married the pretty actress. She declined to discuss the story before she left for a vacation abroad.

Wants to Fly High.



She's only sixteen, is pretty Eleanor Smith, of Freeport, L. I., youngest girl flier in New York, but she is out to break the woman's altitude record in her own Wright-motored 'plane. She made her first solo flight at fifteen and has a state licence to fly.

Paints "Open Spaces."



Mrs. Carrie B. Allen, artist on the staff of the Bureau of Reclamation, who depicts in oil the wheat fields of Kansas, the apple orchards of Washington and the dusty, mesquite covered ranch country of the Panhandle. Her work is known for its highly original quality.

First Photo of "Red Tent" Refugees.



The above remarkable pictures were made by Photographer Luce as the aeroplane of Major Maddalena, Italian ace, circled above the pack ice on which the group of Italia refugees was marooned. The famous "red tent" is within the circle. The flier descended to within a few feet, shouted encouragement to the men on the floe below and then sped away to notify the ice-breaker "Krasin" of the location. Their rescue followed two weeks later. At the left, Major Maddalena photographed before taking off on his flight of discovery.

They Know What Price Glory?



Braver even than the gallant fliers who are writing a glamorous chapter in the world's book of heroism, are the mothers who stay behind and pray that Providence will be merciful to them. Better than anyone, they know the answer to "what price glory." Left to right, the mother of Captain Emilio Carranza, Mexico's martyred ambassador of good will; Mrs. R. E. Byrd, whose son, Commander Byrd, flew from New York to Vé sur Mer, France; Mme. Nungesser, mother of the French ace lost with Captain Coll in an attempt to fly from Paris to New York; and Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, mother of America's own "Lone Eagle."

They're Confident of the Outcome.



Neither Governor Alfred E. Smith nor Mrs. Smith seem to be worrying over the political situation in this charming and intimate picture taken on the lawn of their Albany home with a group of their grandchildren. The youngsters are Walter Joseph and Arthur Smith and Mary Adams Warner.

Resigns in Protest.



Because he did not agree with the American Olympic Committee's action in the certification of Charles W. Paddock as an amateur, George W. Paddock, President of the Boston A. A., resigned his membership and office of third vice-president of the committee.

Life Threatened.



When a burly chauffeur returned the \$4,000 diamond and platinum bracelet for which she had advertised, he refused to claim the reward offered by Mrs. Lydia Johnson, wife of the heir to the Palm Olive soap millions. Instead he declared that he wanted HER, threatening to kill her unless she accompanied him from the hotel. The frightened bride is being guarded constantly by a detachment of police.

Chorus to Opera.



Jane Carroll, beautiful mezzo-soprano, started her career in the chorus of a musical show, but studied incessantly night and day with her voice teacher. Her reward came when she was chosen by Signor Giulio Gatti-Casazza as one of four young American girls who will appear at the Metropolitan next season.

Indian History.



J. P. Harrington, of the Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution, who will record the native language, culture and history of the Indians of Southern California. He will make his headquarters in Santa Barbara.

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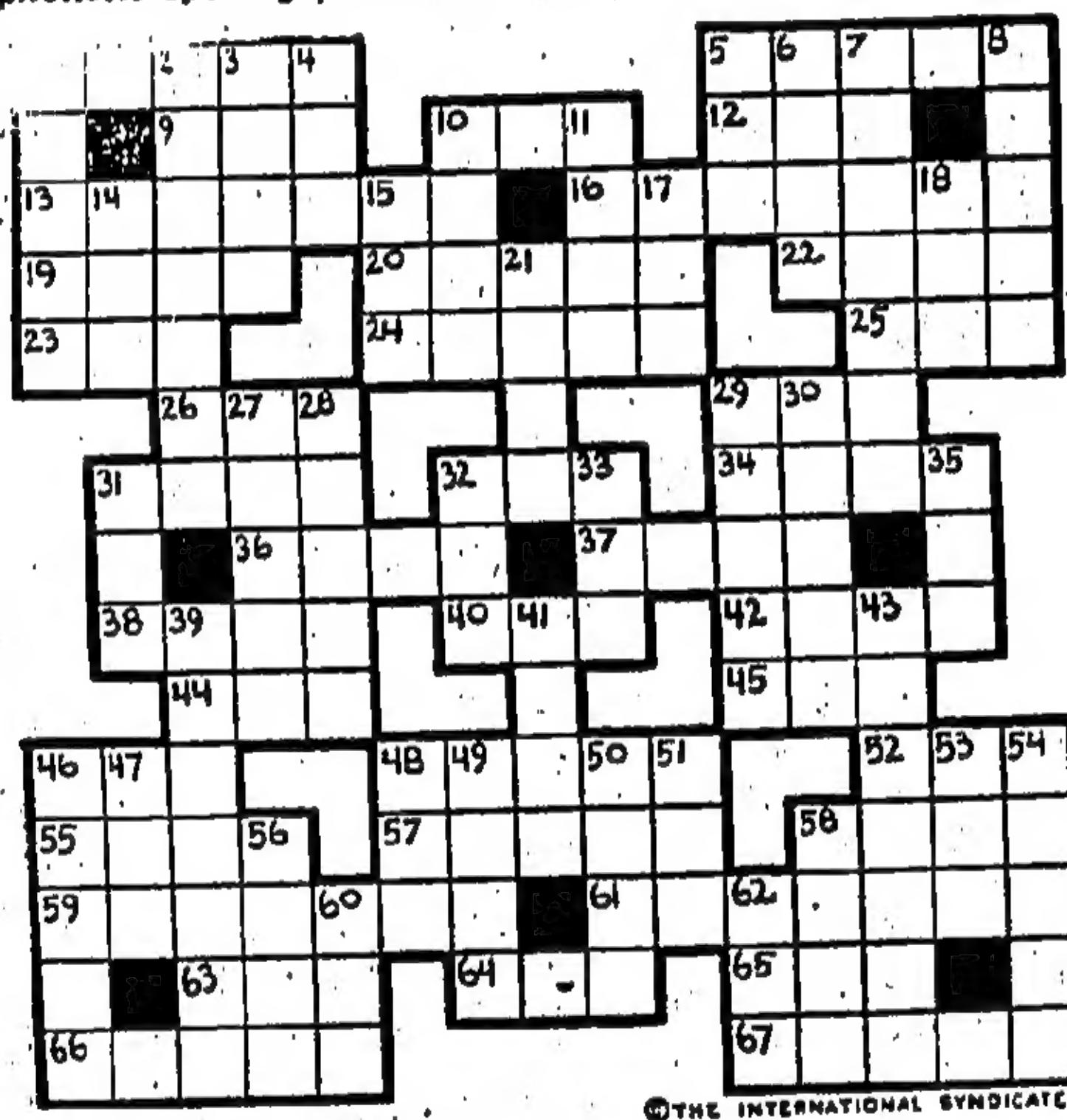
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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- HORIZONTAL:
 1-A city in central Georgia, U. S.
 5-The father of Jacob's wife
 9-Crude metal
 10-To afflict with fatigue
 12-A note of Guido's scale
 13-Like a tooth
 16-A noted American geologist
 18-Eagles
 20-The earth (Latin)
 22-a mountain in Tibet
 23-A sign of the Zodiac
 24-Navigates
 25-Unit of electrical resistance
 26-To trifle
 29-A number
 31-Man distinguished for valor
 32-A foundation
 34-To sharpen
 36-Girl's name
 37-Parched
 38-Melodious utterance
 40-Prefix. Not
 42-Natty
 44-Time period
 45-Purpose in view
 46-An Asiatic bovine animal
 57-A herring-like fish
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
 52-A Japanese statesman
 65-Uneasy
 67-An old English playwright and poet
 68-To spout
 69-Partaining to the coast
 70-To decamp
 73-Born (French)
 74-A friar's title in Italy
 75-Greek goddess of the dawn
 76-British major general
 77-Hanged in the United States
 78-Upright carved stone (Archaeol.)
 VERTICAL
 1-Worthy to be imitated
 2-Mention by implication
 3-Worthless leavings
 4-Combining form
 5-New
 6-Too
 7-A wooden musical instrument
 8-The ruler of Hyderabad, India
 10-An impression
 11-Man's name (German)
- VERTICAL (Cont.)
 14-Older than
 15-Possessive pronoun
 17-The lightest form of matter
 18-Suffix. Somewhat
 21-Fully developed
 27-An anthropoid ape
 28-An English historian
 29-Possessive pronoun
 30-The chief Norse god
 31-Possessive pronoun
 32-To interlock
 33-A tribe of Israel
 35-Divine
 39-Oily or San
 40-Bay, California
 41-A demon
 43-Fatty
 45-A plant of Mexico
 47-In the past
 48-A mineral spring
 49-Money
 50-A famous Spanish general
 51-A drink
 53-It is, contracted
 54-A large lake, N. Russia
 56-A river, N. W. Belgium
 58-Carbon from the smoke of wood
 60-A golf term
 62-Combining form
 Middle

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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Takfoo Sanatorium	877
Mt. Davis	297
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Talibahan	Feet.
Kowloon Peak	1971

TRANS SAHARA.

DREAM THAT MAY COME TRUE.

\$15,000,000 PROJECT.

Paris.—The Trans-Saharan Railway has become a question of the day. This gigantic undertaking, of which the realisation must have seemed not long since almost fabulous, has just been submitted by a vote of the Senate to be studied by a Special Commission empowered to spend nearly £100,000 on practical investigations.

First proposed as long ago as 1859 by Major Hanoteau, when it was dismissed as a fantastic dream, the idea appealed, in 1879, to de Freycinet, who appointed a Committee of Inquiry, but the disaster that overtook the Flatters Expedition, which was annihilated by Touaregs, discouraged public interest, and the scheme languished for 20 years more.

From 1904, however, to 1928 as many as eight different studies were made by competent men, who had prospected various routes. In 1923 the success of the Haardt-Citroën motor expedition, that crossed the Sahara on caterpillar wheels in fifteen days, and the Central African six-wheeled expedition of Renault and Citroën in the following year gave a decided fillip to the subject.

National Defence.

The reason why the Trans-Saharan Railway has become a problem of the moment, and will end by superseding almost all others is one of national defence. The year 1935 will be the date for France first to feel shortage of manpower caused by the decline of births from 1915 to 1919, when her men were at the front and separated from their wives. She can only make up the shortage by drawing on her Colonial possessions.

In 1914 there were six French black regiments. Now the coloured troops amount to 60,000. By 1935 this can be half-a-million. With the Trans-Saharan working, the Niger will be at a distance of five days from Paris—an enormous saving of time—and the sea passage for French Colonial troops will be reduced to 30 hours from Oran to Port Vendres, and within the means of the French Navy to defend.

The ideal system for the Trans-Saharan, thinks General Aubier, one of the chief authorities on the subject, would be in the form of a Lorraine cross: a vertical line from Oran to Waghdugu, with two transverse lines, from Casablanca to Bizerta, and from Dakar to Lake Chad. In any case, it is likely that, whatever line is adopted, there will be an extension to Lake Chad, and thence ultimately a branch running south through French Equatorial Africa to a point on the Congo Coast, possibly Loango.

Value to Commerce.

Military considerations, however, are not the only ones, important as they are. It is, for instance, pointed out that, had the Trans-Saharan existed at the time, the Riff War would probably have fizzled out very quickly. But commerce enters largely into the question, too. The valley of the Niger is rich in cotton, livestock, and other natural values.

It is calculated that from 100 to 200,000 tons of cotton could be obtained yearly within a short time if transports were available,

The Queen is also associating herself with the project, even more closely than the King.

They have both read and approved the draft scenario of the narrative, in which a modern episode is enclosed within a story reaching back several hundred years, and have given certain instructions with a view to ensuring that the completed film shall be advertised with discretion and exhibited with dignity.

All the exterior scenes will be produced in India, and a committee of three distinguished Anglo-Indians, with the assistance of a native committee not less distinguished in Imperial service, has been formed to see that the royal wishes are effectively respected.

Great efforts will be made to ensure authenticity of fact and setting in a story of which the actual origins are veiled in antiquity. The majority of the players will be experienced natives, and all the principals will portray historical characters.

Wide Experience.

A director of wide experience has been engaged, and he will assuredly bring back a film not only great in its historical sweep, but the most comprehensive panorama of official and unofficial India that is ever likely to be produced.

It is understood that the company entrusted with the making of this film is British Screen Productions, the most successful of the new-British companies.

Mr. George W. Pearson, managing director of this company, to whom application for further information was made, refused rather to confirm or deny that he was interested in the project. The film's provisional title is "The Hill," and as it will be the first produced directly under royal patronage the result cannot but add enormously to the prestige of the British cinema industry.

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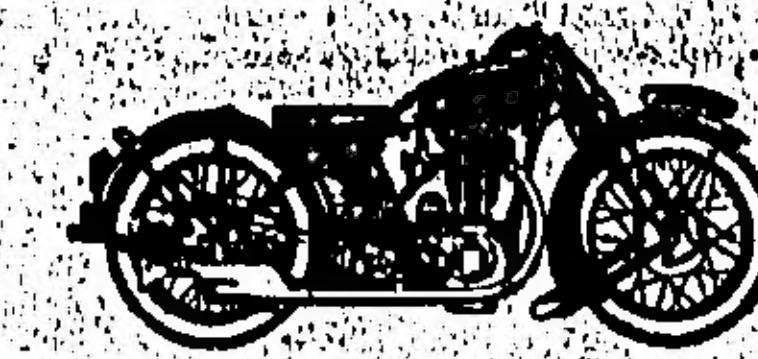
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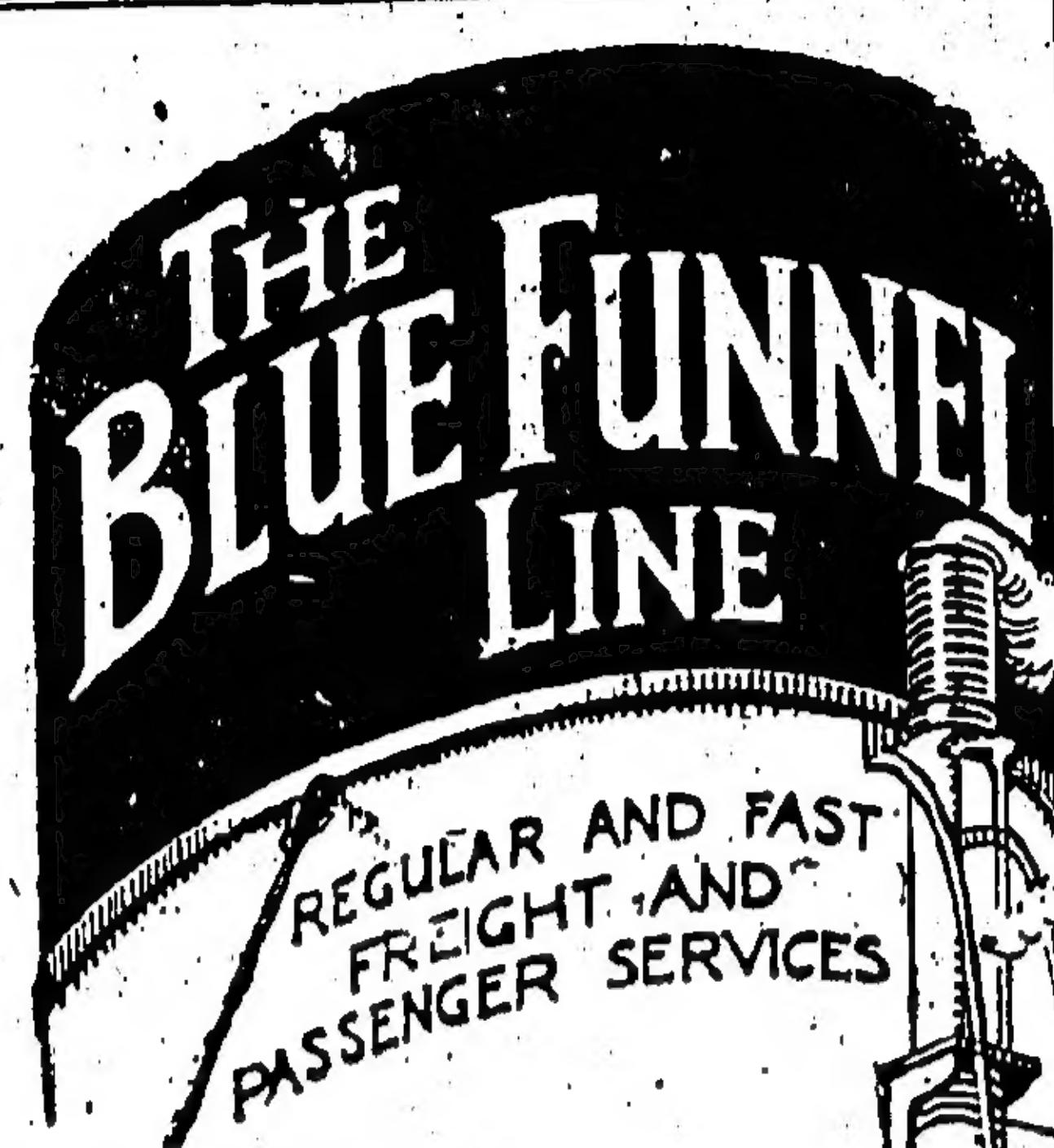
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INDIA TARIFF BOARD AND OIL.

A REPORT.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND SAFEGUARDING.

THE PRICE-CUTTING WAR.

London, Yesterday.
The India Office issues a statement regarding the report of the Indian Tariff Board on the oil industry. The statement says: The Tariff Board was directed to investigate the question of safeguarding the oil industry in India from injury inflicted by the sale of imported kerosene at prices below world parity.

The majority of the Board finds that the sale at prices below world parity has been established but the president dissent. The Government of India recognises that the determination of world parity presents difficulties and various views may be taken. But, after careful examination of the evidence taken by the Board, they consider that the following facts have been established.

Firstly, the average price at which the Standard Oil Company sold superior kerosene between September 1927 and March, 1928, was above world parity whatever criterion is adopted of determining that level. Secondly, the Standard Oil Company did not take initiative anywhere in cutting prices. Thirdly, unless world parity price is based on low price, said to have been paid for Russian kerosene by the Standard Oil Company, the Royal Dutch Shell group has consistently sold superior kerosene at uneconomic prices. Fourthly, it follows that dumping has been established not by companies against which complaint was made but by groups working in close alliance with the principal Indian producer.

To Make Good.

Both majority and minority reports comment on the important fact that the Royal Dutch Shell group had recognised the claim of the companies who were members of the pool to compensation for losses suffered as a result of the price war, which was material to the issue whether there was prima facie case for inquiry.

It was disclosed also at the enquiry that the Burma Oil Company had undertaken to make good to other Indian members of the pool the remainder of their losses, as measured by the difference between Indian and Chinese prices.

In face of these agreements, it would have been impossible for the Government of India to consider a grant of public assistance to companies which are members of a pool. As the price was now ended, it is unnecessary to arrive at a conclusion on the question whether other companies should be safeguarded, but the Government of India see no reason for rejecting the considered opinion of the Board that no case has been made out for safeguarding any company.

The Government of India accept the finding of the Board that petrol is not likely to be imported into India on a considerable scale for the next two years and no action is called for. — British Wireless Service.

THREE CHARGES.

CHINESE MAN AND WOMAN BEFORE MAGISTRATE.

CASE ADJOURNED.

With his coat torn across his back, and in a very dishevelled condition, a Chinese and a Chinaman made their appearance before Mr. Walter Schodell, at Kowloon Magistracy this morning in connection with an assault in Yaumati on a man named Leung Mu.

The charges against the male defendant were that "he did attempt to defraud the complainant of \$30 at Yaumati, posed as a constable" to arrest complainant, and that he assaulted complainant at No. 109 Temple Street.

The woman defendant was only charged with conspiracy.

Detective-Sergeant Mottram applied for a remand, so as to en-

NO TRADE RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.

"MYSTERY OF LIFE" DISCUSSED.

CANADA'S ACTION.

LABOUR BODIES REJECT A RESOLUTION.

SNUB TO SOVIET.

London, Yesterday.
The convention of Canadian trades and the Labour Congress have rejected a resolution urging the Canadian Government to renew trade relations with Russia. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S BLACK

ABORIGINES GET OUT OF HAND IN THE SOUTH.

DEEDS OF VIOLENCE.

Adelaide, Yesterday.
The unusual truculence of the aborigines in the north-west corner of South Australia is impelling the owners of stations to take the law into their own hands. Seventeen natives were killed following the murder of a gold prospector, William Brookes, who was battered to death.

Another outrage was inflicted upon a cattle farmer, William Morton, who was giving native beggars food when others attacked him from behind. Morton, who is a very powerful man, extricated himself and drew his revolver. He was immediately surrounded by a howling mob of blacks showering boomerangs, striking his revolver from his grasp and leaving him for dead.

Morton, however, recovered and reached a homestead twenty-seven miles away in a serious condition. — Reuter.

SHOWERS?

E. or variable winds, light, fair to showery, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

Pressure is high to the north of Japan and relatively low over Tongking.

The typhoon is about 150 miles S.E. of Naha, moving westward.

NORTH CHINA WAR.

MOVEMENTS AFTER FALL OF TONGSHAN.

NATIONALISTS PUSH ON.

Peking, Yesterday.

Following the capture of Tongshan by the Nationalists, General Fei Chung-hsi arrived there himself on the evening of Sept. 10.

The whereabouts of the Northern commander-in-chief, General Chang Tsung-chang, are uncertain. According to some reports he has retired to Kaiping or Luanchow.

General Fei Chung-hsi intends to follow up the retreating Northern troops personally, leaving the Shansi General in charge of the Tientsin and Lufu areas.

Manchuria to Back Up.

The Nationalist authorities announced that General Fei Chung-hsi captured Tongshan on the morning of Sept. 10 and that General Chang Tsung-chang has retreated from the Peking-Mukden railway.

The Nationalists assert that General Chang Hsueh-liang of Manchuria is refusing to allow the Northern forces to pass Luanchow. A watchman on board tried to stop them with the result that he was assaulted by the smugglers and had to be taken to hospital.

Another carrier was fined \$900 or four months' hard labour for being in possession of 12 taels of opium.

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PROFESSOR HILL'S MOMENTOUS DISCOVERY.

THE LIVING CELL.

London, Yesterday.

Professor Donnan of University College, London, addressing the British Association on "The Mystery Life," said that his colleague Professor Hill was on the eve of discovering, if he had not already discovered, what is meant by cellular death, pointing to the fact that the life machine was totally different from the ordinary mechanical machines.

Life in the living cell was apparently kept going by oxygen and the oxidation of the latter's structure in preserving action alone seemed to ward off death.

Life and Death.

Professor Donnan declared that for the first time in the history of science we are beginning to understand, perhaps at present a little dimly, the difference between life, death and the meaning of life itself.

A motor-car, if deprived of petrol, stopped but did not die, but the living cell, deprived of oxygen and food, died immediately. Professor Hill had discovered that the organisation of the living cell was always tending to break down and required constant oxidation to keep it charged. Once the supply of oxygen and sugar ceased, it immediately went to pieces.

Interviewed by Reuter, Professor Donnan expressed the opinion that the continuous fine analysis of the phenomena of the living cell must lead to such an understanding of the organisation of life "that there is no reason why creation in the laboratory of the living cell of the physical plane should not be effected." — Reuter.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

40 CENTS A DAY "WHILE IN PRISON."

PAY OF CARRIERS.

An interesting disclosure of how the opium carriers of this Colony were supported by smugglers, was revealed at the Central Magistracy this morning. It was alleged that should an opium carrier be caught, convicted and sent to prison, he would be paid at the rate of 40 cents per day by the smugglers during the term of his imprisonment.

The money, it was also stated, was paid to the carrier, in a lump sum, after he was set free.

An opium carrier who was found carrying 10 taels of opium in his waist band, when landing from the "Anjou," a Wuchow boat, was fined \$1,000, or 4 months' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Senior Revenue Officer Clark informed the Court that he was told by a comrade of one of those Wuchow boats that the watchmen on board the vessel dared not stop the smugglers putting opium on board when the vessel was at Wuchow.

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TWO "SZE FOO."

NO DIRECT EVIDENCE AGAINST THEM.

Two "sze foo" (skilled workers) of the Tai Tung native distillery, who were charged with conspiracy to defraud the Revenue Department, were discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. It was stated that legally, there was no direct evidence against the defendants.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, prosecuted, and Mr. M. K. Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Customs, defended.

Dr. D. Davidson, of the public health department of Glasgow, has been appointed Deputy Medical Officer of Health for the County of Surrey.

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